जाती है । इन सुविधाओं के अनुसार गैर-सरकारी निदेशकों की नियुक्ति भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के परामर्श के पश्चात् की जाती है । राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों के निदेशकों के बोर्ड एक लगातार रहने वाले निकाय हैं और उनमें होने वाली रिक्तियों को समय-समय पर भरा जाता है । गत एक वर्ष के दौरान किसी गैर-सरकारी निदेशक की नियुक्ति नहीं की गई है। इस समय सभी 20 राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों के बोर्डों में गैर-सरकारी निदेशकों की रिक्तियां विद्यमान हैं । इनमें से अधिकांश रिक्तियां 1985 में हुई हैं । इन रिक्तियों के भरने के लिये सरकार ने पहले ही कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी है ।

Retirement age of officers in Nationalised Banks

889. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officers in most of the nationalised banks who were appointed on or before the date of Bank's Nationalisation are being retired at the age of 60 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that officers in a few banks who were appointed on or before the date of Bank's Nationalisation are being retired at the age of 58 years;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and also the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to remove this discrepancy among the officers of different banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The officers in the nationalised banks retire in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 19 of their Officers' Service Regulations. Before nationalsation, the age of retirement varied from bank to bank. At the time of standardisation of the service conditions of the officers of nationalised banks, it was decided that the age of retirement of bank officers should be uniformally 58 years. However, it was provided that the officers who joined banks either as an award staff or officers before nationalisation could continue in service upto the age of 60 years if on that date there was a provision in the respective regulations of the bank that they could be continued upto that age. In one bank, viz., Syndicate Bank, the age of retirement which was 55 years at the time of nationalisation, was raised to 58 years.

Swindling by Businessmen from United Commercial Bank

890. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Sunday Mail of February 16-22, 1992 regarding the Swindling of about Rs. 40 crore from the United Commercial Bank by two businessmen of Bombay by misusing its letter of credit facility;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India have advised the Bank, *inter-alia*, to conduct a throrough probe into the matter and fix staff accountability at all levels.

Promotion policy of officers in Banks

891. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had sent some guidelines in 1989 to